

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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GEORGE HAYES AND JUSTIN HAYES,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

CITY OF NEW YORK, DETECTIVE RICHARD TURK,  
and JOHN and JANE DOE 1 Through 10, individually and  
in their official capacities, (the names John and Jane Doe  
being fictitious, as the true names are presently unknown),

Defendants.

**ANSWER TO THE  
COMPLAINT ON BEHALF  
OF DEFENDANT  
DETECTIVE TURK**

Jury Trial Demanded

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Detective Turk, by his attorney, Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the  
City of New York, for his answer to the complaint, respectfully alleges, upon information and  
belief, as follows:<sup>1</sup>

1. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "1" of the complaint, except  
admits that plaintiffs purport to bring this action as stated therein.
2. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "2" of the complaint, except  
admits that plaintiffs purport to bring this action as stated therein.
3. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "3" of the complaint, except  
admits that plaintiffs purport to invoke the Court's jurisdiction as stated therein.
4. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "4" of the complaint, except  
admits that plaintiffs purport to base venue as stated therein.
5. The allegations set forth in paragraph "5" of the complaint are not averments  
of fact requiring a response.

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<sup>1</sup> The City of New York previously served and filed an answer to the complaint on or about October 15, 2007.

6. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “6” of the complaint.

7. Admits the allegations set forth in paragraph “7” of the complaint.

8. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “8” of the complaint, except admits that the City of New York maintains a police department, and respectfully refers the Court to the New York City Charter and Administrative Code for information about the police department.

9. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “9” of the complaint, except admits that Richard Turk was employed by the City of New York as a Detective in June 2005.

10. Paragraph “10” of the complaint states a legal conclusion, rather than averments of fact, to which no response is required.

11. Paragraph “11” of the complaint states a legal conclusion, rather than averments of fact, to which no response is required.

12. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “12” of the complaint, except denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations concerning plaintiffs’ ages, and admits that on June 3, 2005 plaintiffs were present inside 420 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Apartment 5J, New York, New York.

13. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “13” of the complaint.

14. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “14” of the complaint.

15. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “15” of the complaint.

16. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “16” of the complaint.

17. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “17” of the complaint.

18. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "18" of the complaint.
19. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "19" of the complaint.
20. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "20" of the complaint.
21. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "21" of the complaint.
22. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph "22" of the complaint.
23. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "23" of the complaint.
24. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "24" of the complaint.
25. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "25" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "24" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.
26. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "26" of the complaint.
27. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "27" of the complaint.
28. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "28" of the complaint.
29. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "29" of the complaint.
30. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "30" of the complaint.
31. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "31" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "30" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.
32. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "32" of the complaint.

33. Denies the allegations set forth in the second paragraph numbered "32"<sup>2</sup> of the complaint.

34. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "33" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "34" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

35. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "34" of the complaint.

36. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "35" of the complaint.

37. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "36" of the complaint.

38. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "37" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "37" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

39. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "38" of the complaint.

40. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "39" of the complaint.

41. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "40" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "40" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

42. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "41" of the complaint.

43. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "42" of the complaint.

44. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "43" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "43" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

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<sup>2</sup> Defendant notes that plaintiffs have misnumbered the complaint in that there are two separate paragraphs numbered "32." To avoid confusion in answering plaintiffs' complaint, defendant has noted this mistake but has not renumbered plaintiffs' complaint.

45. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "44" of the complaint.

46. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "45" of the complaint.

47. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "46" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "46" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

48. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "47" of the complaint.

49. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "48" of the complaint.

50. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "49" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "49" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

51. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "50" of the complaint.

52. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "51" of the complaint.

53. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "52" of the complaint.

54. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "53" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "53" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

55. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "54" of the complaint.

56. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "55" of the complaint.

57. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "56" of the complaint.

58. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "57" of the complaint.

59. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "58" of the complaint.

60. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "59" of the complaint.

61. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "60" of the complaint.

62. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "61" of the complaint, and all its subparts.

63. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "62" of the complaint.

64. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "63" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "63" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

65. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph "64" of the complaint.

66. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "65" of the complaint.

67. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "66" of the complaint, except admits that the complaint was filed on July 13, 2007.

68. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "67" of the complaint.

69. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "68" of the complaint.

70. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "69" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "69" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

71. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "70" of the complaint.

72. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "71" of the complaint.

73. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "72" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "72" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

74. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "73" of the complaint.

75. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "74" of the complaint.

76. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "75" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "75" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

77. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "76" of the complaint.

78. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "77" of the complaint.

79. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "78" of the complaint.

80. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "79" of the complaint.

81. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "80" of the complaint.

82. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "81" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "81" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

83. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "82" of the complaint.

84. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "83" of the complaint.

85. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "84" of the complaint.

86. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "85" of the complaint.

87. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "86" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "86" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

88. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "87" of the complaint.

89. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "88" of the complaint.

90. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "89" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "89" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

91. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "90" of the complaint.

92. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "91" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "91" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

93. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "92" of the complaint.

94. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "93" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "93" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

95. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "94" of the complaint.

96. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "95" of the complaint.

97. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "96" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "96" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

98. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "97" of the complaint.

99. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "98" of the complaint.

100. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "99" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "99" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

101. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "100" of the complaint.

102. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "101" of the complaint.

103. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "102" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraphs "1" to "101" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.



104. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "103" of the complaint.

105. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "104" of the complaint.

106. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "105" of the complaint.

**AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

107. The complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

**AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

108. Defendant has not violated any rights, privileges or immunities under the Constitution or laws of the United States or the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof, nor has defendant violated any act of Congress providing for the protection of civil rights.

**AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

109. This action may be barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statute of limitations period.

**AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

110. Any injuries alleged the in the complaint were caused, in whole or in part, by plaintiffs' own culpable or negligent conduct and/or the conduct of non-parties or third parties and were not the proximate result of any act of the defendants.

**AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

111. Plaintiffs may have failed to comply with conditions precedent to suit.

**AS AND FOR A SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

112. There was probable cause for plaintiffs' arrests and prosecutions.

**AS AND FOR A SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

113. Defendant Detective Turk has not violated any clearly established constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known, and therefore is protected by qualified immunity from liability.

**AS AND FOR AN EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

114. Plaintiffs provoked any incident.

**AS AND FOR A NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

115. The actions of any officers involved, including Detective Turk, were justified by probable cause and/or reasonable suspicion.

**AS AND FOR A TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

116. Plaintiffs provoked any incident.


**AS AND FOR AN ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

117. At all times relevant to the acts alleged in the complaint, defendant Turk acts reasonably in the proper and lawful exercise of his discretion.

**WHEREFORE**, defendant Detective Turk requests judgment dismissing the complaint in its entirety, together with the costs and disbursements of this action, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York  
October 29, 2007

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY MAIL**

I, Sarah Evans, declare, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalty of perjury that on October 29, 2007, I caused to be served the annexed **Answer** upon the following attorney for the plaintiffs by depositing a copy of same, enclosed in a first class postpaid properly addressed wrapper, in a official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service, within the State of New York, directed to said attorney for the plaintiffs at the address set forth below, being the address designated by said attorney for plaintiffs for that purpose:

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Dated: New York, New York  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah B. Evans", written over a horizontal line.

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